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FOR ASST SEC HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP ESCAP PP
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANDREW YOUNG TRIP TO EA COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 017103

1. I BELIEVE A VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. HE WOULD BE THE MOST SENIOR US OFFICIAL EVER TO VISIT THE COUNTRY. FURTHER, HE WOULD BE BEST KNOWN AMERICAN TO COME HERE SINCE GENERAL MACARTHUR DEPARTED FOR THE PHILIPPINES. I FEEL SURE THE GPNG WOULD BE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING HIM HERE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING, WE MUCH PREFER A VISIT PRIOR TO THE ESCAP MARCH 7 MEETING. WE HAVE OUR FIRST MAJOR US TRADE EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, A TIME-CONSUMING UNDERTAKING FOR A SMALL POST.

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3. I URGE THAT AMB YOUNG STAY HERE AT LEAST 48 HOURS TO PERMIT FOLLOWING PROGRAM: CALLS ON GOVERNOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. SPEECH AT UNIVERSITY OF PNG WHERE HE WOULD FIND ENTHUSIASTIC AND RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE VERY INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS, AFRICA AND EMERGING THIRD WORLD. INFORMAL DINNER TO MEET BROADER RANGE OF LEADERS. BELIEVE HE WOULD ALSO ENJOY

VISITING NATIONAL MUSEUM, NATIONAL ARTS SCHOOL AND VILLAGE
ARTS. GPNG WOULD BE VERY FLATTERED BY INTEREST SHOWN
IN THESE GROUPS.

4. A 72-HOUR VISIT WOULD PERMIT A FLIGHT TO THE
SEPIK RIVER AREA WITH AN OVERNIGHT TRIP ON SEPIK HOUSEBOAT
AND SIDE TRIPS TO VILLAGES ON THE SMALL TRIBUTARIES IN
ADDITION TO SCHEDULE IN PARA 3. OUT OF MORESBY
TRAVEL BY CODEL WOLFF MADE VISIT MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL,
AND BELIEVE AMB YOUNG WOULD HAVE SAME REACTION. SEPIK SIDE
TRIP WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY OF
LIGHT AIRCRAFT, PERHAPS THE ATTACHE' PLANE FROM JAKARTA.

5. WE NEED TO KNOW TIMING, DURATION OF VISIT, NUMBER OF
PEOPLE IN PARTY, AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT (IF USG PLANE).
I HOPE YOU AND BLYTHE WILL BE IN PARTY.
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